



JUNE 11, 12 & 13, 2021

Nisswa-stämman Scandinavian Folk Music festival will hold its finale festival, virtually, on June 11, 12 & 13, 2021. For 21 years, Nisswa-stämman has been one of the premiere Scandinavian folk music festivals in the USA, attracting countless musicians and lovers of this understated and beautiful folk music and dance. The board and staff of the festival have decided that it is now time to let a new generation carry forward, so this will be the last official Nisswa-stämman. It is intended to be a celebration of the entire history of the event, so musicians from 2001 to 2020 were invited to submit a video performance and 65 responses were received, with a total of 211 musicians participating. The event will stream on the Nisswastämman YouTube page on three consecutive evenings at 7 pm CDT each night, June 11, 12 & 13, 2021. June 11 will showcase the traditional Friday night concert and dance, featuring 5 bands from the Nordic countries. These concert groups include Julie Alapnes & Halvard Rundberg, Norway; Olov Johansson, Erika Lindgren Liljenstolpe & Robert Larsson, Sweden; the Järvelä Family Band, Finland; Guldhammer & Høirup featuring Bugge, Tesch and Kjøller-Henningsen, Denmark. The last band is a collection of well known musicians from Røros, Norway who call themselves "Greetings From Røros" playing a set of fantastic dance music. Dancing along 'simultaneously' will be the Norske Folkedanslaget from Minneapolis, highlighted in a small inset window on the screen. This could be the first synchronized trans-Atlantic dance ever done in this manner. The next two evenings, Sat & Sun June 12, 13, at 7 pm CDT, will feature approximately 30 performances each night, submitted by alumni Nisswa-stämman musicians from Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland and the USA. A complete list of performers will be available on the website before the event. Admission to the streaming events is free, but donations are encouraged through a PayPal link on the websites.

Festival Link: <https://www.youtube.com/user/nisswastamman>

Friday night concert direct link: <https://youtu.be/ktw2--cza-g>

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